Claims

We claim:

- 1. A composition for chemical mechanical planarization comprising an aqueous oxidizer wherein said aqueous oxidizer comprises hydroxylamine and a material selected from the group consisting of hydroxylamine nitrate, hydroxylamine sulfate, ammonium salts and mixtures thereof.
- 2. A composition as in claim 1 further comprising a material selected from the group consisting of insoluble complexing agents, soluble complexing agents, free radical inhibitors and mixtures thereof.
- 3. A composition as in claim 2 wherein said insoluble complexing agent is selected from the group consisting of benzotriazole, 1,6-dioxaspirol [4,4] nonane 2,7-dione, dioximes and mixtures thereof.
- 4. A composition as in claim 3 wherein said dioxime is 2,4 pentadione dioxime.
- 5. A composition as in claim 2 wherein said soluble complexing agent is selected from the group consisting of citric acid, copper-complexing catechol derivatives, copper-complexing alpha organic acids, copper-complexing hydroxamic acids, copper-complexing amino acids, copper-complexing dicarboxylic acids and mixtures thereof.
- 6. A composition as in claim 2 wherein said free radical inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of hydrazine, hydrazine derivatives, hydrazine salts, hydrazids, hydrazid derivatives, and mixtures thereof.
- 7. A composition as in claim 6 wherein said hydrazine derivative is 4-hydrazine benzoic acid.
- 8. A composition as in claim 1 further comprising an abrasive.
- 9. A composition as in claim 8 wherein said abrasive is selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, ceria, titania, zirconia and mixtures thereof.
- 10. A composition as in any one of claims 1-9, further comprising sufficient acid such that the



pH of said composition is in the range from approximately 2.0 to approximately 5.0.

- 11. A composition for chemical mechanical planarization comprising an aqueous oxidizer wherein said aqueous oxidizer comprises from approximately 0.3% to approximately 10% hydroxylamine and from approximately 0.1% to approximately 3% hydroxylamine nitrate.
- 12. A composition as in claim 11 further comprising from approximately 0.001% to approximately 12% hydroxylamine sulfate.
- 13. A composition as in claim 11 or 12 further comprising sufficient acid such that the pH of said composition is in the range from approximately 2.0 to approximately 5.0.
- 14. A composition as in claims 11 or 12 further comprising a material selected from the group consisting of insoluble complexing agents, soluble complexing agents, free radical inhibitors and mixtures thereof.
- 15. A composition as in claim 14 wherein said insoluble complexing agent is selected from the group consisting of benzotriazole, 1,6-dioxaspirol [4,4] nonane 2,7-dione, dioximes and mixtures thereof.
- 16. A composition as in-claim-15 wherein-said-dioxime is 2,4 pentadione dioxime.
- 17. A composition as in claim 14 wherein said soluble complexing agent is selected from the group consisting of citric acid, copper-complexing catechol derivatives, copper-complexing alpha organic acids, copper-complexing hydroxamic acids, copper-complexing amino acids, copper-complexing dicarboxylic acids and mixtures thereof.
- 18. A composition as in claim 14 wherein said free radical inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of hydrazine, hydrazine derivatives, hydrazine salts, hydrazids, hydrazid derivatives, and mixtures thereof.
- 19. A composition as in claim 18 wherein said hydrazine derivative is 4-hydrazine benzoic acid.
- 20. A composition as in claim 11 or 12 further comprising an abrasive.
- 21. A composition as in claim 20 wherein said abrasive is selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, ceria, titania, zirconia and mixtures thereof.

- 22. A composition as in claim 24 wherein said abrasive comprises colloidal silica.
- 23. A composition as in claim 22 wherein said abrasive comprises milled alumina.